

## REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, is respectfully requested.

### Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

Claims 20-29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Garcia-Luna-Aceves et al. (US Pub 2002/0141479 A1). Hereinafter, referred to as Garcia-Luna-Aceves. Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

Claim 20 has been amended to include the limitation of claim 22. In rejecting claim 22, the Examiner has stated that

“Garcia-Luna-Aceves discloses that wherein the initiating communication from the master device comprises sending data to the slave device in a first time slot on the first channel (Fig. 1, at frequency hop hl, node x initiates a communication between node x and node y by sending a RTR control packet to node y on time slot t1), and the packet from the slave device is transmitted in a second time slot immediately following the first time slot on the first channel (Fig. 1, at frequency hop hl, node y sends data to node x in time slot t2, which is adjacent to first time slot t1).” (Emphasis added)

Applicants respectfully point to the Examiner that a close and careful review of figure 1 reveals that actually, the node y sends data to node x in time slot 5 and not in the time slot 2 as the Examiner has alleged. Accordingly, the cited reference does not teach this limitation and amended claim 20 is patentably distinguishable from the cited reference.

Claim 26 has been amended in the manner of claim 20 and accordingly, claim 26 is patentably distinguishable from the cited reference for at least the same reasons as claim 20.

Applicant believes this application and the claims herein to be in a condition for allowance. Please charge any additional fees, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-0668. Should the Examiner have further inquiry concerning these matters, please contact the below named attorney for Applicant.

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